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SUBJ: VISIT OF ARE FOREIGN MINISTER

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1. ARE FONMIN MOHAMMED HASSAN EL- ZAYYAT' S ONE- DAY
VISIT TO DACCA ENDED MARCH 24. ZAYYAT CALLED CALLED ON
PRESIDENT AND PRIMIN AND HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH
BDG FONMIN KAMAL HOSSAIN ON UNDISCLOSED SUBJECTS.
COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY FONMIN AT END OF VISIT
INCLUDED CALL FOR NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS
AMONG SOUTH ASIAN STATES AND PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT
OF ISSUES OUTSTANDING AMONG THEM ON BASIS OF
SOVEREIGN EQUALITY, MUTUAL RESPECT AND NON-
INTERFERENCE ON ONE ANOTHER' S INTERNAL AFFAIRS.
COMMUNIQUE NOTED ZAYYAT' S EXPRESSION OF
" SYMPATHETIC UNDERSTANDING" OF BDG POSITION RE
SUBCONTINENTAL PROBLEMS, AND HIS EXPLANATION OF
" PROGRESSIVE STEPS" TAKEN BY HIS GOVERNMENT TO
FORMALIZE BANGLADESH- ARE RELATIONS. KAMAL
HOSSAIN " REITERATED THE SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT
AND PEOPLE OF BANGLADESH FOR THE JUST AND
LEGIMITATE RIGHTS OF THE ARAB PEOPLE", AND JOINED
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ZAYYAT IN HOPING THAT " JUST AND HONORABLE PEACE WOULD BE ACHIEVED IN (MIDDLE EAST) TO PUT AN END TO THE OCCUPATION OF ARAB TERRITORIES AND THUS TO THE PRESENT EXPLOSIVE SITUATION". ZAYYAT INVITED HOSSAIN TO VISIT EGYPT, AND INVITATION ACCEPTED.

2. COMMENT: JUDGING BY PRESS ACCOUNTS, VISIT CONDUCTEDN MIND WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO GURLER. ACCORDING TO ECEVIT, SUNAY POINTED OUT THAT HE HIMSELF, SEVEN YEARS AGO , HAD BEEN MADE A PRESIDENTIAL CONTINGENT SENATOR BY THE THEN ACTING PRES OF THE REPUBLIC (WHETHER ECEVIT WAS HINTING IN THE PRESS CONFERENCE THAT THE SAME COURSE COULD BE FOLLOWED NOW, AFTER SUNAY' S TERM ENDS, MARCH 28, IS UNCLEAR. IF NEW PRES HAS NOT BEEN ELECTED BY THEN, SENATE PRES ARIBURUN BECOME ACTING PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC).

4. FOR WHAT IT S WORTH, A GOOD NUMBER OF JOURNALISTS BELIEVE THAT MILITARY LEADERS HAVE MADE AVAILABLE TO PRIMIN MELEN A SHORT LIST OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES ACCEPTABLE TO THEM, BUT TAYLAN' S NAME WAS NOT ON THIS LIST.

5. COMMENT: PERHAPS THE MOST POSITIVE FEATURE OF ALL THESE DEVELOPMENTS IS THAT THE MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY LEADERS HAVE BEEN MEETING AT LAST AND HAVE SHOWN THEY CAN REACH AGREEMENTS.

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